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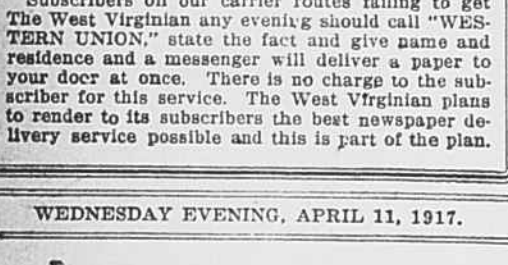
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## THE CARTER CASE.

RAYMOND CARTER, who on March 27 was sentenced to serve a 60 day term in jail for a Yost law violation, is out again. He has taken an appeal from the action of the justice who sentenced him and he has given a bond duly signed. On the surface the case is all regular and proper, but there is not a man in the county who is familiar with the record of this notorious offender but also knows that it is an outrage.  
In order that Democratic Gang candidates may be elected to office and that the Gang may retain its hold on the affairs of the county, the Gang has entered into a corrupt bargain, which is none the less real because it is merely implied, with Raymond Carter and others who in turn for their aid on election day are held safe in their violation of the written and the moral law.  
Just how respectable law-abiding Democrats; Democrats who are heads of families, and who go to church, and flatter themselves that they are good citizens who fulfill all the obligations of their citizenship, feel about this state of affairs, we do not know, but we do know that the most pressing issue before the people of Marion county right now is the need of a county government that will see to it that the Raymond Carters are brought to justice and the sale of immunity stopped.

## A COUNTY BASEBALL LEAGUE.

NINE teams and eight towns were specifically mentioned in an article printed last night in The West Virginian, which said that an effort is on foot to organize a Marion county semi-professional baseball league, and that list did not exhaust the possibilities of the county in a baseball way.  
The effort ought to be made, and as the situation appears to us the principal obstacle to the success, perhaps the only one, is the lack of some one who will have the inclination, the ability and the time, to take the direction of such a league. It is no small job and there will be no reward in it, but the young fellow who can get away with it will make himself solid with the people of the county in a way which he ought to be able to turn to account in the serious business of life. A baseball man with an abundance of tact and the stuff that makes for great popularity was elected mayor of Morgantown the other day, and Morgantown thinks it is a highbrow town.  
A county baseball league would raise the standard of the game and increase the attendance. One of the significant things about the two worst seasons organized baseball

## RUFF STUFF

BY RED

Now Tom Deveny has the sidewalk entirely blocked on Monroe street and occupies half of the street.  
History repeats itself: The public be damned.  
When they say "American citizens living in Bulgaria and Turkey" we wonder what they mean.  
Canadians whip Teutons as they go into battle singing the beautiful tune Yankee Doodle.  
That song ought to win for the Canadians. There will never be a war in which America takes a hand that the soldiers will not sing Yankee Doodle regardless of the efforts being made to write some new songs.  
Now if all the white prisoners in jail could get out a la Carter it wouldn't be such a rotten condition.  
"She's a woman of good reputation, let her out." What of the fact that she sells whiskey? Does that make her bad?  
What will be the Brazilian army's

experienced in recent years, those of 1914 and 1915, was the increase in the interest shown in the games of the amateur and semi-pro teams all over the country. The American public never loses its interest in baseball, although from time to time it shows organized ball in a way that cannot be misunderstood that it is not in favor. These things make us believe that a Marion county league would be a success. It is worth trying at all events if the right man for helmsman turns up. Some of the men who have been running teams ought to get together and talk the matter over.

## DROP KITCHIN.

CLAUDE KITCHIN, the wobbling Democratic floor leader in the House of Representatives, who could not decide how he should vote on the War resolution until the very last moment, and then voted against it, has announced that he will give the Democratic caucus an opportunity to decide if it desires to depose him as leader, although now that the country is actually at war he is willing to pilot the administration war program through the popular branch of the national legislature.  
What any man of high spirit would do in the circumstances is resign and then let the caucus decide whether it wants to reinstate the leader. The way Kitchen has put it leaves the caucus practically no alternative. If it is earnest in its support of the administration and as patriotic as it pretends to be; as honest and as patriotic as it is asking the Republicans in Congress to be, it will drop Kitchen and place a man whom the nation trusts and respects in his place.  
In both houses of Congress resolutions have been introduced calling upon a joint committee on the conduct of the war. These resolutions were introduced by Republicans, and as they stand they are partisan measures, but if the Democrats persist in maintaining Kitchen as the floor leader of their party in charge of all the important legislation which is certain to grow out of the war, there will be a strong demand from the country, without regard to party affiliation, for the adoption of the resolutions.  
Now that we have entered the war we must carry it on with vigor. This is an impossibility if Kitchen and men of his type are to continue in control of the machinery of government.

The Canadians sang "Yankee Doodle" as they drove the Germans from the Vimy ridge yesterday. It is a long time since Germans in arms heard that rollicking tune. On former occasions as now it meant disaster for them.

Farmers in northwestern Pennsylvania are banding together to grow beans for the United States armies. When beans are \$13 per hundred pounds in the wholesale markets, as they now are, growing them for the stay at home folks as well ought to be a rather profitable form of agricultural enterprise.

A Pittsburgh minister has been arrested for alleged attempts to persuade men not to enlist in the United States army. If the case is a clear one it is likely to go hard with him—as it should. It is possible to understand why an individual should for himself entertain strong feelings against war. In England they respected this state of mind to the extent of letting the conscientious objectors alone as long as that policy was possible. It alters the matter, however, when the objector seeks to influence the minds of others. That is a phase that the authorities properly take cognizance of.

Pittsburgh newspapers report that the Valley Gem took a capacity cargo into that port yesterday. It is beginning to be evident that the time was ripe for packet service between this city and the town at the confluence.

Administration army building plans contemplate the establishment of many training camps for officers throughout the country. Do not all apply at once, however. The scheme is for the training of men who are too old to enter the second lieutenant grade of the reserve corps, but are otherwise qualified by education and capacity to become officers. If the government sticks to that program it will limit the number of men who are trained, but it will guard against the danger of placing misfits in uniform and authority where they will become a menace to the health and safety of the enlisted men.

Today the baseball season in the major leagues opens. When it will end, and under what circumstances, no one knows. It depends pretty largely upon the kind of ball that is played. We are at war, but a more intelligent effort than they made in England to keep business going as usual will be made here, and there is no good reason why the favorite sport of the public should not also keep going.

## SHORT AND SNAPPY.

Mr. Sharp, the American ambassador to France, informs the State Department that German soldiers are being retrained from sections of northern France, carried off numbers of young girls. Has Berlin renounced the last claim of civilization?—Parkersburg Sentinel.  
Planting garden plots will be the only form of the plot industry in which it will be safe to engage this summer.—Connellsville Courier.  
It looks very much as though the Germans had stirred up a hornet's nest on the Western hemisphere.—Parkersburg News.  
We remember the Maine; now we want to make "No peace with the Hohenzollerns."—Wheeling Register.

What will be the Brazilian army's marching song?  
The Battie hymn of the coffee bean?  
"Inferno is loose in the western front."  
Hell must be a delightful place compared to that battle line in Europe.  
When the Germans are whipped and peace comes the spies will starve to death and America will give them decent burial.  
You might also say of those Busy Berthas:  
"She a woman of good reputation."  
Might be good for the Germans.  
A ha, Watson, we have him—Rufus Ribble.  
Notify Clarksburg cops to let him out—"he's a man of good reputation."  
You see how Congressmen and Senators feel about conscription.  
Their sons or friends' sons might have to go therefore—no draft.  
Have you ever noticed that just when you are busiest your typewriter breaks?  
Can the rumors.  
If it's true and your country wants to permit it being published the newspapers will have it.  
Take down your wireless before you

## OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE

(BY CONDO.)



## WASHINGTON NEWS GOSSIP

By CHARLES BROOKS SMITH.

While the committee assignments of the Republican members of the House have not been announced at this writing, they will probably be almost an hour now—the West Virginia members excepting Mr. Woodyard, know with pretty much of a certainty on which committees they will be delegated to serve. It has been definitely settled, however, in the case of Representative George M. Bowers, as has been heretofore published, that he will be a member of the committee on marine affairs and fisheries. It was necessary to settle this committee last week, so that important bills of a national character, and dealing with war preparations, could be referred to that committee without delay. Representative Edward Cooper will continue upon mines and mining, where he has already demonstrated his industry and ability. It is a committee upon which it is especially appropriate to have him, and the minority leaders of the House recognize and concede that fact. Representative H. C. Woodyard may land on ways and means or on rules, the prime importance of either of these committees being understood by everybody as second to none. Representative Stuart F. Reed will, it is now most certain, go to the committee on District of Columbia, a place he has asked for, one which, as any congressman will testify to, requires constant application and hard work. Mr. Reed is used to both and knows what he is up against as a member of that committee. It is the body which governs the National Capital, its chairman is the mayor in everything except title, and its members the city's aldermen. The residents of the city are more interested in its personnel than in any other congressional committee. How Mr. Reed feels about his expected assignment to this committee, what his attitude of mind is toward the new public duties which now confront him may be understood from the following paragraph which a letter from him to Minority Leader Mann contained, in answer to a letter from the latter inquiring if his appointment to the District committee would be satisfactory. "I fully realize," wrote Mr. Reed, "that my assignment to it will not bring to any committee much new information or particularly enrich it intellectually, but I hope to enter enthusiastically into the work and shall earnestly try to fit myself for effective service wherever you feel I might be useful to the nation and best serve the party which has written the most glorious pages of its history."

In the latest batch of correspondence issued by the Republican National Committee to that great party's press of the country, there was this to say of Senator Howard Sutherland: "Perhaps no new Senator will have a better understanding of the work he will be called upon to do in connection with his committee assignments than Hon. Howard Sutherland of West Virginia. Some years ago Mr. Sutherland served for a considerable time in the Census Bureau and became chief of the Population Division immediately following the taking of the decennial census. His experience in that work especially fits him for a place on the census committee which he was given. The committee on Mines and Mining also includes Senator Sutherland among its members. In private life the Senator deals extensively in coal lands and when legislation relating to that subject is before the committee they will receive the benefit of the Senator's knowledge of that branch of mining, which has been received at first hand."

At the present juncture, Senator Sutherland's committee work is almost entirely with the committee on military affairs of which he is also a

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member. In the present situation of the country at war, and preparing to prosecute it on an immense scale to insure an early and lasting peace, it is needless to remark the importance of Senator Sutherland's assignment to that industrious committee.

Henry W. Ruhl, son of John L. Ruhl one of Clarksburg's wealthiest business men, is a senior at Yale. He has been recommended for a commission in the Officers Reserve by Representative Stuart F. Reed, who took up in person the application of the younger Ruhl with Secretary Baker. Mr. Reed feels confident that young Ruhl will shortly be called into service and given a commission in reserve. Some of the reasons for his confidences are: Ruhl has had military training. In the summer of 1915 he was trained at the Presidio in San Francisco. He has been certified from the two training camps as enlisted to a second lieutenant's commission. He is a member of the Yale battery and has received training there, and he is captain of the sword and training team of that university.  
Today, Mr. Reed received a personal letter of thanks for recommending her son from the mother, Mrs. Julia Ruhl, who, with the patriotism of the ancient mothers of Sparta sends forth her boy to defend the rights and liberties of his country. It is the only letter of that kind, so far as is known, that has been received by any congressman. Mr. Reed has taken liberty to show it to his colleagues, as an example of West Virginia motherhood. "The noblest in all the world," declared the Third District legislator.

An effort is being made to have Z. T. Kalbaugh of Piedmont, surgeon with the First West Virginia now mobilized at Fairmont, relieved from duty. The reason given is that the town of Piedmont is sadly in need of doctors. One, Dr. Long of that place has but recently died; another Dr. Parsons is ill; and still another, Dr. Kalbaugh a brother of Major Kalbaugh has sustained a broken leg. Some of the people have written Representative Geo. M. Bowers about it, and Mr. Bowers went to the war department and laid the matter before the surgeon general of the army. Major Kalbaugh has formally made application to be relieved. No ruling has been made on it. Whether or not he will be relieved from duty is very seriously questioned by those in touch with the present rulings prevailing at the War Department. They are very strict. The

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